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MEDIA ADVISORY**

**CITY ANNOUNCES EVACUATION AND ASSISTANCE INFORMATION
FOR RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY SOLEDAD MOUNTAIN LANDSLIDE**

The City has directed mandatory evacuations for specific residences along Soledad Mountain Road, Desert View Drive and Palomino Circle in the area affected by a large landslide beginning this morning. The affected address are:

All of Soledad Mountain Road (eastside) between Palomino Circle and Desert View Drive.

Also included is Palomino Circle, north of Soledad Mountain Road, wrapping down into all of Desert View Drive and Desert View Alley.

City Actively Engaged In Assisting Evacuees:

Following the mandatory evacuation notice the City evacuated 18 people out of 10 homes on Desert View Drive, 9 people from 5 homes on Soledad Mountain Road and 25 people out of 15 homes on Palomino Circle.

Red Cross Assistance/Evacuation Center Established:

Affected residents should report directly to Kate Sessions Park on Lamont Street/Soledad Mountain Road, north of Beryl Street, in Pacific Beach. The Red Cross has made arrangements with county animal control officials to provide temporary cages and support for those evacuee with pets.

The San Diego Police Department will be working with evacuees from the affected addresses on a case-by-case basis to return to residences to retrieve prescription medications and other important items.

A temporary shelter for affected residents will be established at La Jolla High School. It will be open at 6 pm. There will be medical staff on site that can work with evacuees to help write new prescriptions should they be unable to access their homes.

Information line:

The City's Community Access Phone System (CAPS), which offers up-to-date information on the incident, is being activated. This number will be staffed by live volunteers who can answer a variety of questions. The number is scheduled to be operational before 3:30 p.m. today, and as early as 2:45 p.m. ONLY THOSE RESIDENTS IN THE AFFECTED AREA are asked to call 619-570-1070 to access this service.

Abandoned animals:

Residents with abandoned animals in evacuated homes in the affected area can call 619-236-4250 to request assistance with the rescue of their animals.

Only emergency personnel should be anywhere near the site. Residents needing assistance should proceed to Kate Sessions Park. All other citizens are urged to stay clear of the area.